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COMPOUNDS THAT BIND TO A TARGET

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is response to the Office Action dated March 19, 2003 (Paper No. 9). A separate petition for the appropriate extension of time in which to respond is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this communication.

**Amendments to the Sequence Listing** begin on page 5 of this communication.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this communication.

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